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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) Test Procedure Workshop

Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop on April 8, 2008, in El Monte, California, to discuss proposed amendments to the Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) Test Procedure. The proposed changes are necessary due to two main developments. The first development relates to new vehicle technologies which cannot be adequately tested with the current test procedures. The second development relates to the proposed amendments to the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) regulations, which will be heard by the Board at the March 27, 2008 Board Hearing. For more information on the proposed ZEV regulation changes, please go to the following web page: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2008/zev2008/zev2008.htm> .

ARB staff is preparing a draft test procedure that addresses these issues. Staff will present a strawman proposal we hope will focus the discussion on areas that need clarification and modification. The draft test procedure and a workshop agenda will be made available via the ZEV Program Internet website:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/zevprog.htm> in the week prior to the workshop. Staff will explain elements of the proposed amendments at the workshop and ask questions about the anticipated impacts of such changes. Comments presented and public input received at the workshop will be used in drafting a final proposal for the Board's consideration at its October 2008 hearing.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: April 8, 2008
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: California Air Resources Board
Auditorium, Annex 4
9530 Telstar Avenue
El Monte, California 91731
Staff Contact: Lesley Crowell, (916) 323-2913
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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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For faster notification, ARB will use the Internet list serve for the ZEV Program to notify stakeholders of upcoming events relating to the HEV Test Procedure. If you sign up for this list serve, you will receive an email notice when new information has been posted regarding the HEV Test Procedure and the ZEV Program. To subscribe to the ZEV Program list serve, please visit the Internet at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/zev-program.htm>.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please consult the Internet at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator by telephone at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please consult the Internet at:
<http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm> or contact the Bilingual Coordinator by telephone at (916) 324-5049.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort. If you have questions regarding either the workshop or the proposed modifications to the HEV Test Procedure, please contact Ms. Elise Keddie, Manager, at (916) 323-8974, or by email at ekeddie@arb.ca.gov, Ms. Lesley Crowell, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-2913, or by email at lcrowell@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Craig Childers, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 445-6012, or by email at cchilder@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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